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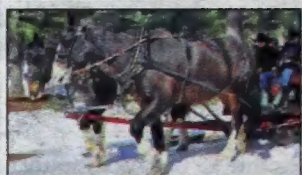
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Second airport runway is a go

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The township of Algonquin Highlands will proceed with an expansion of the Stanhope Airport.

The 1220-metre, \$3.5-million crosswind runway is a go after the municipality's grant application to the Building Canada Fund was approved last week.

Under the program, the federal and provincial governments match funds put forward by municipalities for infrastructure projects so that each level of government carries a third of the project cost.

In the case of the airport, the federal and provincial governments will each contribute approximately \$1.2 million, with the final \$1.2 million coming from the municipality.

"I'm quite excited," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison. "It's something that I've been working on for a considerable length of time."

Harrison says the new runway will make the airport safer and more widely used and also provide the impetus for an industrial park at the site.

"I'm still very convinced the runway is going to be good for the economy," she said, adding she was sure that once the project is completed, businesses will start setting up shop in the area.

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Movin' in

Joan and Ross Davies are the first couple to move into the new subdivision off Minden's Deep Bay Road. Fourteen of the subdivision's 76 planned homes have been sold so far. See page 5 for story.

Water tower soon part of landscape

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Plans for a water tower in Minden Hills township are going swimmingly after council learned last week it will be receiving provincial and federal funding for the project.

Under a Building Canada Fund grant that council applied for last fall, the township will receive more than \$1.6 million from the provincial and federal governments. The municipality will be responsible for the remaining third of the project cost, or approximately \$802,000, for a grand total of \$2.4 million.

Under the Building Canada Fund, the provincial and federal governments match amounts put forward by municipalities for infrastructure projects, so that each

level of government carries one-third of the project cost.

"I was quite surprised," said Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon of the funding announcement.

McMahon said after receiving a phone call on February 12 informing him that Algonquin Highlands township had received Building Canada funding for its \$3-million upgrade of the Stanhope Airport, he was unsure whether Minden Hills would be receiving any money.

"None of us had heard that we were successful or not," he said.

McMahon said the township received word from MP Barry Devolin's office the following day that its grant application had been approved.

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Carnarvon man wins \$50,000

Byung-Hee Cho of Carnarvon won \$50,000 from the Daily Keno draw on September 12, 2008.

"I was surprised when I heard the music playing," he said of his win. "It feels really good to win," he went on to say. The 41-year-old plans to bank the windfall.

Since Cho is an Ontario Lottery and Gaming corporation retailer, this prize falls within OLG's definition of an insider win. Major prize claims by insiders are subject to an independent investigation. This investigation has been completed and the prize claim has been approved for payment. The payment of prizes to insiders is held for 30 days to allow anyone with concerns regarding the prize to come forward. Anyone having a concern may contact OLG at 1-800-387-0098.

The ticket was purchased at Carnarvon Jug City.

Skate-athon is this Saturday

The family of a local girl who was attacked by a dog last month is holding a skate-athon fundraiser in Minden on February 21.

Six-year-old Breanna Stephenson was attacked by a dog on January 3, leaving her with a large scar on her face. OHIP does not cover the plastic surgery Breanna requires to repair the scar.

Donations of any size are welcome. The event will take place at the Minden arena from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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Minden Times judged one of top three papers in province

The team of writers, photographers, graphic artists and sales staff that bring you the *Haliburton County Echo* and *Minden Times* every week is up for a total of 11 provincial awards.

The Ontario Community Newspaper Association announced the top three finalists in its annual awards competition on Friday. The awards are open to every community newspaper in the province.

"I'm extremely proud of our dedicated staff," says general manager David Zilstra. "We all live in Haliburton County and believe in our communities. That's why everyone works so hard to bring you the best stories, photos and advertising opportunities possible."

Both the *Echo* and the *Times* have been judged one of the top three newspapers in their circulation category.

The *Minden Times* is in the running against the *Collingwood Enterprise-Bulletin* and the *New Hamburg Independent*.

The *Echo* is up against the *New Liskeard Temiskaming Speaker* and the *Parry Sound North Star*.

In the general excellence category, newspapers are judged based on editorial, photography and layout. The nomination would not be possible without the photography and reporting of Matt James, Jenn Watt, Greg Hoekstra, Suni Karir, Chad Ingram and Martha Perkins. In addition, the production skills of Wanda Factley helped secure one of the top three spots.

In a rather humorous touch, the *Echo's* Steve Galea is up for yet another Humour Columnist of the Year award but this year his competition includes fellow County Scene Investigator conspirator Greg Hoekstra. The *Minden Times* submitted Hoekstra's CSI humour columns, which appeared in *Cottage Times* every week and described his antics with none other than Steve Galea!

Hoekstra has also been chosen as one of the province's top three photographers. In a class open to all newspapers, regardless of circulation, he's competing against Rob Mooy of *Kingston This Week* and Graham Paine of the *Milton Canadian Champion* for the top spot.

Hoekstra is guaranteed a hat trick of awards because his *Minden Times* photo feature of a spring visit to Casey Cox's farm is up for Best Photo Layout in the open circulation class.

Jenn Watt's investigative series on poverty in the *Minden Times* is in the top three for best feature series and her profile of Minden playwright Michael Fay earned her a top-three placing in the Heritage category.

Martha Perkins' profile of the courage of Dawson Hamilton in the *Minden Times* is up for the best feature award.

All three writing competitions were open to any newspaper with a circulation less than 10,000.

It was a real team effort that gave the *Summer Guide* its top-three spot in the Original Advertising Idea category. The popular guide to all the wonderful things happening in Haliburton County was compiled by Amanda Schwartz and is the result of the hard work of the sales staff - Laura Smith, Molly McInerney, Ashley Chandler and Sarah Adams.

And finally, a *Haliburton Echo* promotion ad - You Be the Judge - is in the running for In-House Promotion.

Staff work all year long to make sure the *Times* and *Echo* are the best newspapers they can be. These people include: David Zilstra, Angela Russell, Faye Paul, Sabrina Sisson, Laurie Curry, Linda Emmerson and Laura Chowzun.

The rankings - first, second or third - will be announced at the OCNA convention in Toronto on April 17.

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The Silly Chilies – Minden Hills councillor Barb Reid, artist Leo Sepa and Hilary Brown – was one of 12 teams who competed in the chili competition at the community centre on February 15. Hundreds turned out for the event and for the second year in a row, the chili from Gramma's Fish & Chips was voted the best in town.

Minden's Winter Fest was hot, hot, hot

Photos by Chad Ingram



The Dominion Hotel's Shawn Chamberlin and Marylou Skinner spoon up some hot stuff during the chili competition. For \$5, each member of the public received five samples of chili along with a bun. Votes for the winning chili were submitted by the public.



Minden Special Olympian Jason Hallowell takes his best shot during a curling fun day at the Minden Curling Club on February 15.



David Bradley/Special to the TIMES

No, the police weren't on scene. But it sure looked like it here at the Minden ice races.



Minden realtor Bill Kulas, top left, was on hand to help Joan and Ross Davies, centre, officially move into their new Minden home last week. Joining them were Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon, top right, and the crew from Highland Park Homes; Claudio Bortolussi, front left, Gustavo Rojas and Gino Capozzoli.

Photo by Chad Ingram

Subdivision gets its first residents

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A long-awaited subdivision along Minden's Deep Bay Road is slowly becoming a neighbourhood as the subdivision's first residents move into their new homes.

Retirees and former Horseshoe Lake residents Ross and Joan Davies moved into their new house late last month and couldn't be happier about it.

"We're delighted," Joan said, adding that she and Ross had been finding that upkeep of their lake-front property becoming increasingly difficult.

"[We moved] to reduce the maintenance load and things like that," she said. "Old age."

Joan said the two also enjoy their newfound accessibility to Minden and its amenities.

So far, 14 of a planned 76 homes in the subdivision have been sold.

Consisting largely of bungalows ranging in size from 1,300 to 1,600 square feet, Highland Park Homes builder Claudio Bortolussi said the Davies are a perfect example of the demographic that seems to gravitate to the subdivision.

"Many of the people are people who have decided to come off the lakes," he said.

Taking local geography into consideration, Bortolussi said the subdivision's various home models have been named after lakes in the area – Horseshoe, Maple, etc.

Coincidentally, he said, the Rosses moved into one of the Horseshoe models.

Despite the current economic downturn and plunging real estate market, Minden realtor Bill Kulas said he is confident that the homes in the subdivision will sell.

Kulas said he thinks an increasing number of retiring baby-boomers will continue to move north from areas such as the GTA.

"They like the lifestyle of the Haliburton Highlands," he said, adding that the subdivision is located close to Minden's downtown and right beside the Minden hospital.

"It's been a long time coming," said Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon, adding that the property's former owner had planned for years to turn the property into a subdivision.

"It took the boys from Highland Park Homes to pull this off," he said, noting that despite some severe winter weather, the project is coming along on schedule.

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Evan Hansen opened the Carnarvon Food Market last month after running a successful vegetable stand in Carnarvon during the past few summers. The shop is currently open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

New food market opens doors

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Carnarvon now has a grocery store.

The Carnarvon Food Market opened its doors in late January and its proprietor is hoping to expand the business as the summer tourist season approaches.

Kawartha Lakes farmer Evan Hansen has operated a vegetable stand in Carnarvon for the past few summers and decided this year to expand the venture.

"It was based partially on the success of [the vegetable stand] and the need, too," Hansen said.

While Carnarvon used to have a food market in the building that now houses the Highland Leisure billiard shop, it shut down a number of years ago.

Currently operating out of a small, 400-square-foot space in the rear portion of the Carnarvon bowling alley, the market offers a variety of fruits and vegetables, locally-made bread, milk, bacon, eggs, butter tarts, dry goods such as hamburger mix, coffee and noodles, snacks and paper towel.

Much of the corn, tomatoes and potatoes comes from Hansen's own farm and he said he is dedicated to making sure the food sold at his shop, local or not, is of high quality.

"If I don't eat it, you don't eat it," he said.

Hansen said he's been seeing a steady influx of customers and has even starting building up a loyal customer base as word-of-mouth spreads.

"It's been good," he said. "It's getting better and better."

The store will also be getting bigger and bigger, Hansen said he and the building's owner, Chris Trakosas, are currently renovating a bigger space in the building that will allow for front-entry to the store at the building's north end.

He is also constantly adding to his wares.

"I'm slowly getting into more prepared dry goods," he said, adding that he also plans to offer deli meats and customized cuts of beef.

Hansen said his prices are akin to those of other grocery stores in the area.

"I'm looking at competing with Valu-Mart and IGA," he said. Hansen said he also willing to order in any item customers desire. The market is currently open every day from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Hansen said he plans to stay open later on weekends once the tourist season arrives.

Hansen said it's also possible to do some early or late shopping, depending on the day.

"If the lights are on and my truck's here, we're open," he said.

Budget gets revised

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills council revised the township's 2009 budget at a meeting last week.

On February 12, councillors voted to accept new estimates for expenditures and revenues for the year.

While the original budget included approximately \$9,845,000 for expenditures, the new total township expenditures for the year are estimated at just more than \$8,670,000.

The decrease comes after water and sewer services were removed from the list of expenditures.

Those rates will now be approved separately, said treasurer Lorrie Blanchard.

The list of expenditures includes approximately \$1,540,000 for general government, \$1,680,000 for protective services, \$2,240,000 for transportation services, \$690,000 for environmental services, \$64,000 for health services, \$2,245,000 for recreation and culture and \$214,000 for planning and development.

The township expects to see just more than \$9 million in revenues this year, including almost \$1,350,000 in grants, nearly \$60,000 from payments in lieu, more than \$2.5 million in other non-tax revenue and more than \$5 million from taxation.

While the original budget showed a deficit of \$375,000 from 2008, that number has now been reduced to \$333,500 as the result of contributions from reserves.

Councillors Barb Reid and Bill Obee voted against accepting the new numbers, suggesting instead that council should be going back over the budget line-by-line in an attempt to reduce spending further.

Reid said in particular she would like to see decreased spending in the recreation department's budget.

Dressing room renovations for the Minden RiverKings have gone approximately \$70,000 over budget.

Blanchard told her that community services director Rick Cox would be reviewing the numbers for the recreation department.

Prior to last week's budget discussion, councillors heard from a disgruntled taxpayer who, citing the 2008 deficit, accused the township of gross fiscal mismanagement.

"I'm a very concerned taxpayer of Minden Hills," the woman told council. "We trust you to make these decisions in a responsible way."

Councillors "should be doing homework on decisions," she said, and "should be able to justify why decisions are being made."

She urged council to delay their vote on the budget until all councillors had reviewed the budget in its entirety.

Minden Hills's chief administrative officer, Gerry Morrison, said the woman's comments were inaccurate and that council members had worked diligently through the budget process.

"They have been accountable, they have made changes and they are continuing to look at the operation of the municipality," Morrison said.

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PUBLIC MEETING

ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE USE ON CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES RIGHT-OF-WAYS

The City of Kawartha Lakes will be holding a public meeting on

Wednesday, March 25th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

**Coboconk Community Hall
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The purpose of the meeting will be to collect input from the public on the proposed network of All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) trails (north of CKL Road #8) within the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Documentation relating to the ATV trails will be available for review at 12 Peel St. (Public Works Operations) by Tuesday, February 16th, 2009.

Anyone wishing to speak at the meeting is asked to contact Karey Oliphant at 705-324-9411 ext. 1171 or toll free at 1-800-822-2225 ext. 1171, or by email koliphant@city.kawarthalakes.on.ca. Public speaking will be limited to 2 minutes per person.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Infrastructure funding a good thing . . . mostly

It's nice to see the federal government is making quick work of its promise to stimulate the country's economy through community infrastructure projects.

Haliburton County, along with the townships of Minden Hills, Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al, will benefit from nearly \$10 million worth of projects as the result of successful grant applications to the Building Canada Fund.

Two thirds of the funding for those projects will come the provincial and federal governments.

And most of the projects are badly needed.

Minden Hills's aging water infrastructure has a water pressure level below provincial standards and the \$1.6 million the township will be receiving from the provincial and federal governments towards a new water tower for the municipality will ensure that the township's water customers are receiving adequate water service.

Also, the tower's planned 15,000 cubic metres of storage will increase the quality of the area's fire protection.

The county is receiving approximately \$1.8 million for improvements to County Road 21 and the Allsaw Bridge, both pieces of transportation infrastructure that recently came under criticism from a county resident who believes they are in poor condition.

The nearly \$600,000 the township of Dysart et al will be receiving for improvement to the Pine Lake Bridge will make the bridge a safer passageway for residents and tourists alike.

Perhaps the one gaffe the purse-holders of the Building Canada Fund made in their sponsorship of local infrastructure projects was their decision to help fund the new \$3.5 million runway at the Stanhope Airport in Algonquin Highlands.

While the new runway will no doubt make the few aviators who use the facility happy, the idea that the runway's construction will give way to an industrial park at the site is an out-of-touch pipe dream that logic dictates will not come into fruition.

The idea that manufacturing companies, most of which are in the process of downsizing or filing bankruptcy papers, will come to Stanhope to set up shop is disillusion at best.

Where are these manufacturers that will bring with them jobs and an economic boon for the area?

So far, no names have surfaced.

While the project will provide short-term employment for the company who wins the tender for the runway, that will be the project's only economic contribution to the area.

The taxpayers of the township will end up dolling out nearly \$1.3 million for a facility that will be used no more than it is now.

It's a shame because that money, along with the associated cash from the Building Canada Fund, could have gone to any number of other projects in the township.

Chad Ingram

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Making tracks

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Public ignored on airport

This is an open letter to the taxpayers of Algonquin Highlands.

Building Canada's decision to fund a portion of the cost of the new runway at Stanhope Airport has dealt a severe blow to the people of Algonquin Highlands - a blow to our confidence in our political system.

We entrust our elected officials to represent our best interests; to spend and invest our hard earned dollars wisely. We expect them to put our collective interests above their personal pet projects. We expect value for our dollars.

This project gives us none of this.

The members of council who pushed this project forward chose to override the enor-

mous swell of public opposition, indeed indignation, from all corners of the township, to pursue a project that has no identifiable or quantifiable merits. None.

In spite of all the attempts by council to stonewall the public, people learned the facts about this project and opposition grew. The councillor who did the most research became the most opposed to it.

A \$4 million project without merit. All of the dollars coming from us as taxpayers - federally, provincially and locally. Wham! And here's the irony: over the last number of years this community has fought hard to keep our libraries and community centres open with relatively negligible funding from this same council.

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Peer pressure revisited

THIS MORNING I WAS READING yet another celebrity confession. This one came from Tori Spelling who admitted that her dramatic weight losses were due to peer pressure. That's right, she has kept herself unnaturally thin just so her friends and society would accept her.

Normally I'd scoff at such a statement but, the truth is, I have fallen into the same trap myself. Yes, the rumours are true. I am short because of peer pressure.

It began in fourth grade. Then, everyone was short except for that one guy. You remember him; he was called names like Stretch, Beanpole, and String Bean. As hard as it is to admit, I decided then and there to remain short. I knew I couldn't stand that sort of abuse.

Back then, I'd routinely purge my height. We'd sit there at dinner and I'd grow even as we ate. But, sometime between the main course and dessert, I'd go to the washroom and take a coarse emery board to the soles of my feet. No one suspected a thing.

Why you ask? Why go to such dramatic measures?

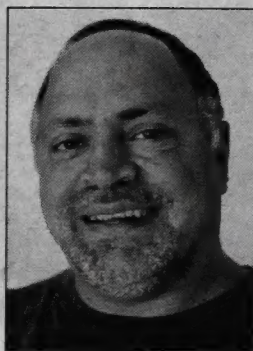
Well, even back then I recognized that there were unrealistic expectations placed upon the tall and gangly, and I wanted no part of it. They were expected to be good basketball players, to reach the top shelf, to clean every corner of the chalkboard, and to excel at monkey in the middle. And that's just the tip of the iceberg. By the way, if icebergs were short, we wouldn't even know they existed.

By keeping myself at slightly under 5-foot-4, I have avoided all this.

Still, I admire those of normal height. They brave the door jams and low-hanging limbs of this world without any regard for the immense societal pressures imposed upon them to be short. I wish I had that kind of emotional security. But

the truth is I don't.

So I take the easy way out. The short cut, if you will.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Despite what society and the fashion industry implies, there is nothing wrong with being tall. Believe it or not, it's actually natural. Being short, although highly attractive and preferable, is not.

Yet, the world remains enamoured with smaller stature. That's why every young woman dreams of dating a jockey. That's why midget wrestling is so popular. It's why everyone wants a Shetland pony.

I can't help but

blame the media.

It's time we called a spade a spade. Despite what they'd have you believe, almost every person you see on television or adorning magazine covers is no more than 11-inches high. Oh sure, their flaw-

less proportions make them seem taller but that's simply not the case.

Don't be alarmed. Until now, this was a well guarded industry secret and not a lot of people know this. At first it was merely a ploy to save money in wardrobe and set construction, but then it got out of hand.

But what about when you meet those celebrities in person? They seem so tall.

The answer is both ingenious and simple. You're looking at body doubles. Heck body triples or quadruples in some cases.

This is sad, of course, because it constantly transmits the message that short is sexy and that it is desirable to offer generous gifts of cash to short people. And this makes tall people feel less than adequate.

The funny thing is, short was not always in fashion. Back in the Renaissance the tall were considered very attractive. Then again, 5-foot-4 was considered tall...

I can be reached at
TheOutdoorLife@aol.com

No time for hurt feelings

"HELL HATH NO FURY LIKE A LOVER SPURNED," Fixx says, and he draws out "hath" with a long lisp, just so you understand he is not saying has.

"You have most of that right, except for the words in it," says Old Delahanty. "It's scorned not spurned and woman, not lover. But you spat out hath thplendly."

The two cottage neighbours from Horned Grebe Lake are having a little mid-morning snack in the tearoom of the Sapsucker Arms.

"Well, in this case it's a woman who's doing the spurning and the spurnees are everybody who voted for her in the next riding over from here," says Fixx, who is taking a break from Queen's Park, where he has been arranging favours for politicians since a moment after time began.

"Folks over there are so mad they could spit," says Old Delahanty. "They feel betrayed. Or so the newspapers say. So the Liberals say. The Liberals main selling point is he's not from away."

Just then the waitress Gretchen arrives with bowls of cornflakes and ice-cold cans of pop for each of the geezers. They settled for cornflakes when she told them

the tearoom was all out of gooseberry scones.

At the news there would be no sprays of scone crumbs for him to shag. The Brown Dog Jiggs whirled away in a huff and went back to warm himself on the hearth of the tearoom's bricked-up fireplace.

There he sits, glaring at Old Delahanty, grunting and sighing and mumbling to himself like an opposition front bench in question period.

"Folks thought of the woman as one of them," says Gretchen. "Then they brought in a Bay Street dandy to take her place."

"Well, he is the party leader and he's a good old boy now, even if he did try to drive his car down a snowmobile trail," says Old Delahanty.

"Why, two reporters each told me they were having one-on-ones with the dandy when one of his adjutants came up and said there was a call from a city radio station and both times he said he'd call back

later and went on with the interview. That shows where his priorities are."

"If there really was a phone call," says Gretchen. "And the woman took all that money."

"It's severance she gets in lieu of a pension," says Delahanty. "It's somebody else's stupid idea. She says she won't come out ahead because of it and I believe her."

Fixx is starting to squirm. "Look, people over there are pretty disappointed. Their feelings are hurt, but they should stop pouting and think about the issues."

"The man running in her place says he's

the Progressive variety of Conservative and he is. The far right is drooling at the thought of him losing, so they can take back his party."

"He does seem like a reasonable man," Delahanty concedes. "There must be ideological differences between him and the premier, but they're not obvious to the naked eye."



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Reeve offends taxpayer

To the Editor:

As a resident of South Lake, I take exception to the comments of Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon, as reported by the Minden Times of February 4. His comments implied that since we live on a "small lake with a low population" and are not a "big taxpayer," we are not deserving of a high-speed Internet connection as much as people living on Gull and Bob

Lakes. Why should one's taxes, (and mine are certainly more than high), be the yardstick for broadband availability? Since we are not of as much value to the municipality, in Mr. McMahon's eyes, can I expect a 10 per cent reduction in our taxes this year (possibly to come out of his pocket)?

Tom Nicholson and family
South Lake

Where's Canadian Tire?

To the Editor:

I have been meaning to write this letter for what seems like two years now. Its my opinion that Canadian Tire would be up and running in Minden as we speak, had it not been for the road blocks put up by Minden council. The hoops they asked Canadian Tire to jump through along the way are outrageous.

I do not pretend to know every single issue regarding the current situation; they

say it has nothing to do with the current economy. If Minden council had just considered itself lucky that they chose Minden over Haliburton or somewhere else, and let them go ahead and build with out questioning every corner of the project, with meeting after meeting aimed at derailing it, we might just be shopping there today. Perhaps some on council had a interest in Canadian Tire not coming to Minden?

Kelly Harmon
Eagle Lake

neilcampbell@xplornet.com

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System failed

from page 6

At the same time our volunteer fire department budget was stripped of critically needed funding – the very same department that will be called upon for specialized training, equipment and faster response times to respond to fires from the larger planes that are supposedly going to use this new runway.

Airport ahead of community. Airport before effective emergency and fire protection.

Shame on these councillors and shame on the federal government that too willingly is providing millions of dollars of our money, against our collective will, for a project that offers no tangible benefits.

We will continue to pursue all remedies to stop this incredible waste of taxpayers' dollars.

At this moment our political system has failed us. The repair it needs will only come through continued participation; input and diligence from people who care enough to stand up and be heard.

The executive of The Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association

Chad Ingram/TIMES



Banking on books

Last week the Minden CIBC branch donated \$2,500 to the Minden Hills library committee for furnishings at Minden's new library. From left are committee members Jim Fox and Jim Malcomson, CIBC regional director Graham Knight, Marbeth McCleghen and Shawn Currir of the Minden branch, committee chair Elly Malcomson, Minden branch manager Diane Peacock, committee member Michelle St. Pierre and Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on February 26, 2009 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. File No. 07-24 - Applicant -James and Susan DAVIS

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 21, Concession 4, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8880, registered January 12, 2009.

2. File No. 07-28 - Applicant -Gregory and Janice SCHEFFEE

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 31, Concession 10, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8881, registered January 12, 2009.

3. File No. 08-04 - Applicant -Robert and Sharon MERRITT

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front of Lot 4, Concession 13, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 3 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8900, registered February 5, 2009.

4. File No. 08-06 - Applicant -Dan and Ruta ROUMBANIS

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 28, Concession 7, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8889, registered January 22, 2009.

5. File No. 08-11 - Applicant -6870139 Canada Ltd.

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 14, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8883, registered January 14, 2009.

6. File No. 08-13 - Applicant -Margot G. MENZIES

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 28, Concession 6, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 5 on a Plan of Survey 19R-5343, registered October 8, 1991.

7. File No. 08-17 - Applicant -Peter Joseph GOULD

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 9, Concession 11, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8888, registered January 22, 2009.

8. File No. 08-19 - Applicant -Norman M. and Gladys P. MacKINNON

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front of Lot 4, Concession 13, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 4 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8900, registered February 5, 2009.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department of the Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 11th day of February, 2009.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Planning Administrator

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Feb 26 Council, Council Chambers 9AM
March 12 COTW, Council Chambers 9AM
March 26 COTW, Council Chambers 9AM
July 10-12 Haliburton County Sportsman Show



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Jan. 14 -Mar. 28 Journeys of R.D. Lawrence, R.D. Lawrence Place
Jan 21- Feb 18 2pm or 6:30pm Winter Discussion Series, Agnes Jamieson Gallery
Feb. 5-28 Book Arts Mosaic-Agnes Jamieson Gallery
Feb. 5-28 Joan of Arc panels by André Lapine-Agnes Jamieson Gallery

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Refreshments and healthy snacks will be served
This is an activity for the whole family to spend some active time together
Continuous participation is needed to keep the program running
Call Robin Hewitt at 286-1260 ext 222 if interested in participating.

NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, February 26th, 2009 at 9:00 A.M.
In the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building
7 Milne Street Minden
TO CONSIDER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSOLIDATED TARIFF OF FEES BY-LAW

Pursuant to Section 391 of the Municipal Act, and according to the Township's Procedural By-law, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills is holding:

a) A Public Meeting to consider proposed amendments to the comprehensive Tariff of Fees By-law. The amendments pertain to fees related to:

- Building Department
- Administration
- Fire Services
- Cultural Centre Programs & Facilities
- Roads Department
- Planning Department
- Cemetery
- Parks & Recreation Programs & Facilities
- Environment & Property operations – water, sewer and landfill

A copy of the proposed By-law is available on the Township's website, www.mindenhills.ca or available from the Clerk's Department (705) 286-1260 ext. 214.

FACT OF INTEREST

The type of buggy Dr. Curry rode was called a buck board, which was pulled by a team of horses, and was his form of travel for many years. Many people followed him and braved the winters and bad spring thaws. Some of the other doctors to come to practice were Dr. Montgomery, Dr. Bowman, Dr. Pogue, Dr. Frost, Dr. Frain, Dr. Patrick and Dr. Crowe.

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Kinmount's winter fun

Photos by Chad Ingram



Madylin Rensink leads the way as Ryan Simmons takes a pony ride.



Megan Dier, left, Jessica Graham and Josie Bailey found themselves in a sticky situation as they sampled some maple taffy.



Horse-drawn sleigh rides courtesy of Gerard Pearson and Phil Hodgson were a popular draw for young and old.



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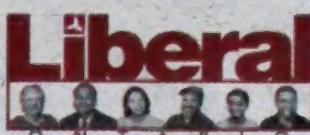
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HHSS Nordic skiers all to compete at COSSA

Each members of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Nordic ski team is heading to COSSA after the Kawartha qualifier on February 11 at Glebe Park.

Leading the way and winning the senior girls division, for the second time in as many weeks, was Maddie Ferracuti. Just seconds behind her was teammate Claire Flatman, who placed third.

Three young men took part in the senior boys race: Dan Wright captured sec-

ond place, while Connor Duhamie and Scott Henwood placed fifth and sixth respectively.

The lone junior boy, Josh Wright, and lone novice girl, Cody Pringle, each placed third in their age category.

Hal High hosted the qualifier last week and there's no rest for the awesome. The Red Hawks and Glebe Park were host again, this time to COSSA February 17. A couple of the skiers should qualify for OFSSA.



Senior girls' Maddie Ferracuti finished first on February 11 at Glebe Park.



Matt James/TIMES

Dan Wright's smooth groove landed him in second place on Wednesday in the senior boys' division.

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Wrestlers may be on Team Ontario

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks wrestling team brought home the hardware in the cadet category (Grade 9 and 10) Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association Provincial Championships on February 6 to 8 in St. Catharines.

In the reflection from left to right are bronze medalists Tara O' Sullivan and Mikaela Charlebois, and silver medalist Zane Zonderman.

Thanks to their winning ways the three student wrestlers have earned an opportunity to attend the national championships in Fredericton, New Brunswick in early April where they'll represent Team Ontario.

A decision as to whether they'll attend will be made in the next couple of weeks.

Photo by Matt James

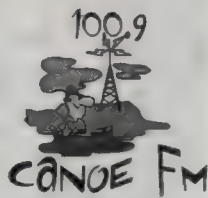


**On March 5, the voters of
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**The evening will be taped by Canoe FM
and broadcast on Sunday, February 22
starting at 4:00 p.m.**



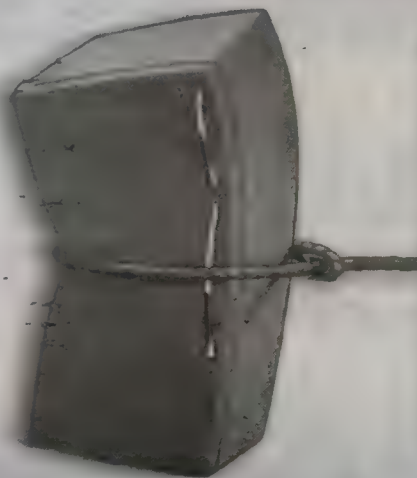
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RiverKings playoff bound

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

The Minden RiverKings have just one game remaining in the regular season and they won't get much rest before facing the Elliott Lake Bobcats in the first round of the GMHL playoffs.

Yesterday the Minden RiverKings travelled to Gravenhurst to face the South Muskoka Shield in hopes of snapping a two-game losing streak. It was a tough task to say the least since the Shield has lost only four games all season.

The scores will be posted on our website, www.mindentimes.ca.

The losing streak began February 13 with a 7-4 road loss to the Nipissing Alouettes.

"We had no legs so they beat us up a bit in the first [period]," said RiverKings head coach Brooks Robinson. "We came back in the second a little bit but we just didn't have enough to catch them."

The Minden goal scorers against Nipissing were Jeff Beall, Brett Meyers (2) and Matt Eno. Assists went to Meyers, Garrett Simmons, Tyler Wright, Bryar Hill, and Beall.

The streak continued on February 15 in a 6-0 shut-

outloss to the Innisfil Lakers. Robinson wasn't shy about giving credit to the opposing team.

"Those guys are amazing," he said. "They have a really good hockey club."

The RiverKings's Meyers had put a goal on the board but the goal was called back and a RiverKings player in front of the net was charged with an infraction.

The RiverKings were unable to skate with the Lakers and became frustrated.

RiverKings's starting goaltender Andrew Selbie continues to be one of the strong members for the team. After suffering a couple of quick goals against Nipissing he settled down. Despite the 6-0 loss Robinson said, "he was amazing," and that the score could have been 15-0 in the first period had it not been for his goaltending.

"They just peppered him with shots and he just stood on his head," Robinson said.

The RiverKings may have fallen away from their game over the past week but Robinson said the team practice February 16 was very constructive. He sat the team down and rehashed the team's situation just one week from playoffs.

The RiverKings are 17-22-1 on the season.

Top female boarder goes to Hal High's Alex Muenzel

The following are sports briefs from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, compiled by Judi Paul's class.

February 11

The Hal High snowboarders had great success with Alex Muenzel finishing as the top female competitor. Other places are as follows: Christianna Walker - 2nd, Ariah Boots - 4th, Adrianna Ellis - 7th, and Holly Wu - 8th. Brett Hicks took second place for the guys, along with Jeff Fennell - 3rd, Madison Rallis 4th, and Alex Vassos - 8th.

Thursday, February 12

The Red Hawk's hockey team earned a 3-2 win against Campbellford to secure a second-place finish in the team standings. Scoring for Haliburton were Scott Griffith with two goals and Drew Paul.

At the Kawartha Wildcard Tournament, the senior boys' basketball team was defeated by nine points by St. Thomas Aquinas, despite Luke Watson's 12 points and J.L. Frybort's nine points.

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Crafty days are here again at marketplace



AROUND THE TOWN

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Church friend Virginia is a regular column reader and in response to last week's knitting item brought me a great little book. The author Franklin Habit, a Chicago-based writer, illustrator, photographer and of course knitter, titles his book *It Itches - a Stash of Knitting Cartoons*. The cartoons and captions are very clever and I had to focus hard on that familiar phrase "lead us not into temptation" to keep its cover tightly closed beside me on the pew during the sermon.

Craft days organized by the Kinmount United Church Women are starting up again this Thursday, February 19 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Artisans' Marketplace. These drop-ins are open to the community so bring along a craft project or idea to share and enjoy a relaxing break. For more information give Pauline a call at 488-2220.

Marion Sedgwick will be the guest speaker for the

February 22 service at Kinmount United Church. The service begins at its usual 9:45 a.m. and Marion's presentation about her experience in Papua New Guinea will be in skit format titled *The Last Unknown*.

The Kinmount & Area Artisans Guild will hold its annual meeting for 2008 this Sunday, February 22 at 2 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre. Member Guy Scott, chair of the planning committee for the sesquicentennial celebration, will bring the group an update on the progress towards this special event.

Mayor Ric McGee of the City of Kawartha Lakes is holding one in a series of Town Hall meetings this Thursday, February 19 at the Kinmount Community Centre from 7 to 9 p.m. Area residents should plan to attend this evening which provides them the opportunity to dialogue with the mayor on issues which can directly affect our daily lives and lifestyles.

Now for the scoring news with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

February 10 euchre at Lochlin: Barb Carpenter reports that Harold Harvie was the winner for both men's high and the special draw. Helen Burk took ladies' high with Betty Hicks low man and Lorna Hicks low lady.

February 10 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Top duo members were Flo Roussel and Tom Macartney at 353 followed by George Hamilton and Linda Lambert 343 and Diane Platt partnered with Ray Lymer 315. The afternoon's low of 115 was recorded by Eleanor Lymer and Cliff Davison.

February 10 contract bridge at Club 35: Leading the scoring at 4820 was Bruce Armstrong with Jackie Metcalf sec-

ond at 4680. Linda Cherry captured third spot with 4290 points while Rob Eaton was awarded the Shiny Penny. Thanks to Muriel McIntosh for all three sets of bridge results this week.

February 11 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell movement Bruce Armstrong and Linda Cherry were first at 57 per cent, Ross Davies and Stella McMillan 56 per cent a close second and Peter O'Connor teamed with Joan Davies third at 55 per cent.

February 11 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshots went to Iris Freeman, Verna McDonald and Linda Lambert along with Helen and Garth Windsor. Leading the pinks was Debbie at 296 then Verna McDonald 276 and Mary Pearson 223. For the white cards it was Tom Grix first at 284 with Sandy Bell next at 271 and Merv Elstone 233 third.

February 12: Lone hand honours went to our reporter May Bradbury and Bob Cleverley with Pearl Cowen and Don Hicks taking the high scores. The evening's lows went to Helen Luffman and Tom Grix with Karen Chapman, Sharron Atkinson, Tom Grix and Maria Tschida taking home the other prizes.

February 13 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Using the Howell system Kathie Porter and Anita Pennings led at 54 per cent followed by Freda Norman and Norma Crewson 53 per cent and Diana Spicer partnered with Ross Davies at 52 per cent.

February 13 bid euchre at Club 35: The moonshot trio members were Linda Voycey, Dorene Elstone and Helen Windsor while Ann McIvor holding the hidden score. Topping the pinks was Pat Marshall at 277 then Dorene Elstone 275 and Helen Windsor 232.

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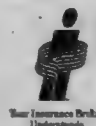


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On Thursday, February 5, John Tory, the Progressive Conservative candidate in the upcoming byelection and Laurie Scott, our former MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, were in the village to visit and chat and spent time at the Fiery Grill. Tory and Scott will be at the Dorset Snowball Family Skating Party on Friday, February 20.

The skating party starts at 6 p.m. There will be swishy music to skate by, hot dogs

and hot chocolate. This event is sponsored by the Dorset Recreation Committee and donations are welcome to help cover the cost of supplies.

The fun continues on Saturday, February 21 starting at 8:30 a.m. with the Dorset volunteer firefighters' all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast. The day continues with a parade, great food, magic shows, snowshoe races, kiddy snowmobile rides, the Remax hot air balloon, birds of prey show, displays and demonstrations, wildlife calls, karaoke, musical entertainment by Dumpster Don and the Junkyard Jam, skating, broomball and hockey and much more.

Snowball events are geared to winter fun for the whole family all at one low price of \$3 each which gets you a Snowball button

and an all inclusive admission. The complete schedule and list of activities can be found on the website, www.dorsetsnowball.com or you can call the Dorset Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968 for more information.

Local student Kaytelin Taylor is going to Peru on a mission trip to bring medical supplies, school supplies and to plant 300 native trees. To help raise funds for the trip, Kaytelin will be doing a beer and liquor bottle drive on Saturday, February 21. Anyone with bottles to donate can drop them off with Kaytelin in front of the Scotia Bank in Dorset on Saturday, February 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Our local MNR stewardship coordinator, Mike Walsh, will be hosting a maple syrup operations and opportunities workshop at

the Dorset Recreation Centre on Monday, February 23 starting at 9 a.m. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a pancake and sausage lunch (with maple syrup of course), speakers, hand outs, a field trip to the Emes Family Sugar Bush, coffee and snacks. To register, please contact Mike Walsh (MNR Bracebridge) at 705-646-5530 or Lindsay Sisko (MNR Minden) at 705-286-5206.

Special birthday wishes for the week of February 15 to 21 go out to Sarina McKey, Lisa and Lindsey Dunn and Chris Clarke. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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community calendar

What's happening in Minden

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- February 19: Guided Meditation continues at the Rails End Gallery – Facilitated by Ryan Dawson every Thursday evening 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome, admission is by donation. Positive visualizations to quiet the mind, calm the body and stir the spirit.
- February 20: Circle of Hope – Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12-1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ext 3.
- February 20: Lochlin United Church presents an Evening of Gospel Music with The Hot Flashes – Join us at 7:30 pm. Lochlin Road off Gelert Rd (Cty Rd 1). Refreshments following. Offerings, gratefully accepted for the Church Outreach Work.
- February 21: Maple Lake United Church Musical Variety Night at 7 p.m. – Come and join us at the Maple Lake United Church. Freewill offering and refreshments.
- February 24: St. Georges Anglican Church 70th Annual Pancake Supper at the Haliburton Legion Hall – Come and join us from 5 – 7 p.m Cost is \$15 per family, \$5 adults, \$3.50 children 6-12 and under 6 yrs is free.
- February 24: Fenelon Falls United Church Pancake Supper – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$7. Children 12 and under are FREE. Contact Church office 887-3040.
- February 26: Guided Meditation continues at the Rails End Gallery – Facilitated by Ryan Dawson every Thursday evening 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome, admission is by donation. Positive visualizations to quiet the mind, calm the body and stir the spirit.
- February 26: Haliburton Legion Branch 129 Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting – will be held at 1:30 p.m. Members please note the change in date and time.
- March 1: S.E.A.L Meeting at Bobcaygeon Municipal Service Centre – Join us at 2 p.m. Speaker Frank Smith on sustainable gardening and sustainable living. All welcome, come and join in. Sustainable ecological alternatives for living, www.sealweb.org
- March 6: Circle of Hope – Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12-1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ext 3.
- March 6: Haliburton County Folk Society presents Winter Folk Camp at the YMCA Wanikita. For more information see www.winterfolkcamp.com.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca, or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date. NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events in the Highlands.



Martha Perkins/TIMES

Dead poets live on at the Dominion

Hallmark Cards may have cornered the mushy Valentine's market, but the Conjurors of County Town sure know how to spread the word about tortured love. On Friday night, the local thespian group hosted a night of poetry at the Dominion Hotel. It soon became apparent that while happy love is what we yearn for, unhappy love is what makes the poets their most creative. One of the stars of the evening was the Dominion's owner, Shawn Chamberlin, who came dressed as Shakespeare, above. Not only did his costume impress the large crowd, but he also memorized his sonnet. In return, he was impressed by the anniversary cake that was presented to him and his wife Elli, in background on right. In the photo at right, it wasn't just MC Lea Harper, in background, who was delighted by Jerelyn Craden's portrayal of Anne Sexton. There's an event video at www.mindentimes.ca.



Sunday drivers facing charges

A 56-year-old Oakville man was charged with racing – exceeding the posted speed limit by more than 50 kilometres – in Minden Hills township over the weekend.

Just before 10 p.m. on February 15, members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment say they recorded the man doing a speed of more than 50 kilometres over the posted speed limit of 80 km/h.

The man's vehicle was seized for seven days, police said.

A 19-year-old Huntsville man was charged with impaired driving and driving with a blood-alcohol level exceeding the legal limit after a traffic stop near the intersection of Hwy. 35 and Taylor Road on the morning of February 15.

Const. McMaster of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment said the man was arrested after failing a roadside screening device test. The driver is scheduled to appear in Minden court on March 4.

Airport runway funding 'disappoints' opponents

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"That's what not just the township needs, but what Haliburton County needs," she said.

Harrison said the construction of the runway itself will also create short-term jobs and said the township will be using as much local labour as possible during the process.

"As many local jobs as possible... that's what's been on my mind," she said.

The controversial project, which was approved by a 3-2 vote of council, has been the subject of great public outcry from some of the township's taxpayers who don't believe the expansion will be of any economic benefit to the area.

"The bottom line is that we were very disappointed," said Paul MacInnes, president of the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lake Area Property Owners' Association.

MacInnes has been one of the loudest dissenters of the project, insisting that it will bring no economic boon to the township and is a waste of taxpayers' dollars that could be better spent elsewhere.

"We're not as surprised, post-budget, once the amount of money for infrastructure was pumped up as much as it has been," MacInnes said, referring to last month's federal budget.

The budget contained a \$40-billion economic stimulus package, \$12 billion of which has been set aside specifically for infrastructure projects.

"I still don't see any economic justification," MacInnes said.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin said the federal and provincial governments were indiscriminate when it came to the infrastructure projects various municipalities had chosen to apply for.

"Each municipal government was allowed to put forward one proposal," Devolin said. "The council of each municipality gets to identify their priority."

Devolin said he was aware of the controversy surrounding the airport project. Not only was there a public lobbying campaign this past summer but the vote to apply for the fund was a 3-2 split on council, with Harrison casting the decid-

ing vote.

"This project particularly has garnered a lot of discussion," he said. "The provincial and federal governments are not there to say what ought to and not ought to have been [municipal government's] priorities."

Devolin said that the federal government is ready to start funding projects immediately.

"When the first bill comes in, the money will flow from Ottawa," he said, explaining that under the program, municipalities are compensated by the provincial and federal governments, rather than being sent funds upfront.

Devolin went on to say he thinks the modernization of the Stanhope Airport is important if Haliburton County is going to attract the doctors and businesspeople it needs.

"If we don't have an airport, that's one more reason for them not to relocate," he said.

Harrison said discussions regarding tenders for the project would likely take place at a council meeting in March.

The county has not been formally approached about helping to pay for the airport expansion or operating costs. Warden Dave Burton and Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey say that their sense of the issue is that there is "no appetite" for any county involvement.

"There's a fear it will be a financial burden," Fearrey says.

Burton says "It's something we'll have to look at."

Nearly \$1 billion in funding for 200 infrastructure projects in communities with populations of less than \$100,000 was announced by the Building Canada Fund last week.

Along with Algonquin Highlands, the townships of Minden Hills, Dysart and Haliburton County were also successful in grant applications.

Minden Hills will receive \$1.6 million towards the construction of a water tower, Dysart will receive nearly \$600,000 for renovations to the Pine Lake Bridge and the county will receive nearly \$1.8 million for upgrades to County Road 21 and the Allsaw Bridge.

Water tower to stand atop 'Mount Minden'

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"It's exciting," McMahon said. "It's certainly going to build up our infrastructure."

The water pressure of Minden's current water infrastructure is below provincial standards.

The proposed water tower would stand on top of "Mount Minden," the large hill located on the west side of Hwy. 35 behind Home Hardware.

McMahon said negotiations for the purchase of the required 2.5 acres of land are ongoing with the landowner, who McMahon referred to as "very

community-minded."

The capital costs of the project are estimated at \$1.9 million.

The tower is to stand 22.5 metres in height and 16.5 metres in diameter with a storage capacity of 1,500 cubic metres, which McMahon has said is more than enough to serve the township's existing water customers.

McMahon said he is uncertain when work on the project might begin.

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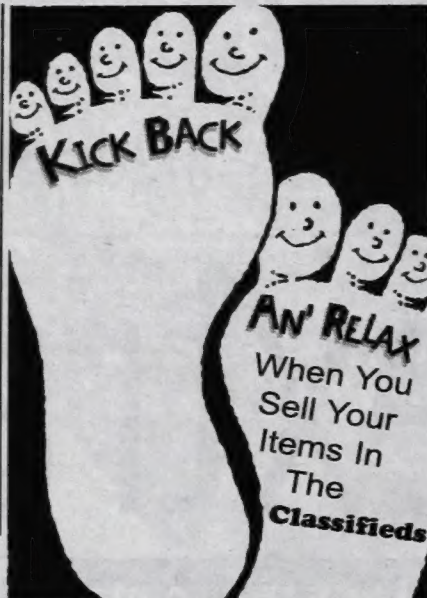
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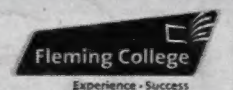
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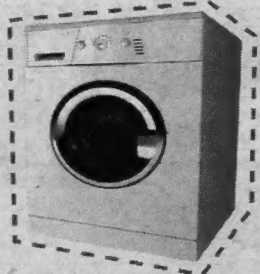
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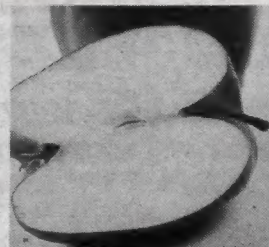
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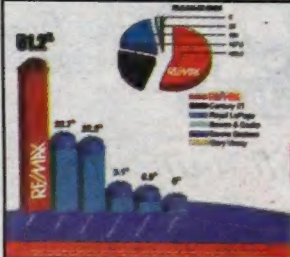
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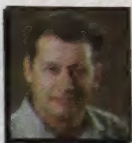
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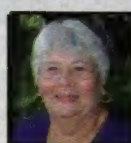
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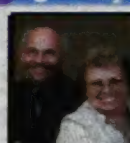
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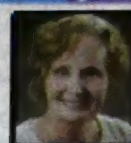
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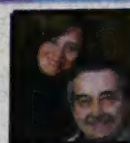
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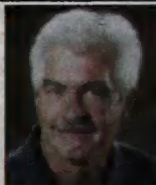
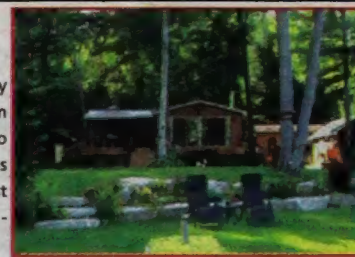
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